THE ASHBY TOWN PUMP

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY

I have often wondered if we realized a year ago the work and joy that was to be had in getting out a monthly issue to our boys and girls in the Service.There is no question that there has been lots of work,but we do feel rewarded if it has brought a touch of home to you who are now so far away.

You might want to know something of how the Town Pump is put together. First we send out cards to numerous representatives of the town's organizations asking that news be sent in and make many calls to beg and borrow your letters or some news about you. Then the Editorial staff meets around the table,discuss various news items and set about to write them up. Letters received are read and rewritten or quoted to make an interesting story.A scrap book of newspaper clippings is kept to help us on our daily items. The staff at these meetings usually consists of Mrs. Wass,Mrs.Carl Foster,Mrs. Lois Thatcher,Mr.Harold White,Mr. Luther Hayes, Mr. Fred Foresman,Barbara and Ed Lyman. After all available news is written up, the words are counted to approximate the number of pages, usually too few,and then we start scrambling for more news. Additional subjects are assigned to staff members and headlines made --- and never kept.Somehow all the items are gathered up and divided between Lois Thatcher and Margaret Leighton for the first typing. After the typing the articles are censored and corrected, cut up and pasted in proper sequence and allignment. The stencil typing is then done by Polly Piper Hopkins or at the Watatic Spinning Mills where the mimeographing is done. The paper is supplied by a friend of Ashby's,Dick Lowell of the Dejonge Paper Co. After mimeographing, the copies are assembled in order by a crew of 6 or 8 at the Lymans and put into envelopes addressed by Mrs. Caroline Wilkenson. Mrs. Wass has the tasty job of licking the stamps,over 100 of them. All this covers two or three weeks --- whenever time can be found and then we start all over again. However, as I have said, we do enjoy doing it, but all of you can make it easier by writing in some news of yourself to the Town Pump or any member of the staff. Will you do that now? Thanks.....

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Isn't the color of our cover just beautiful ? Well, we can't be too fussy.

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Letters from the Boys and Girls

An intensely interesting letter was recently received from Pvt. Allan Holmes. He is now stationed in the Philippines and tells many incidents and happenings of much interest. He was flown to his new base and told of seeing rice paddies over a mile long, hundreds of destroyed Jap planes and many rivers and beautiful mountains. He also visited a native school and says that the text books were similar to the ones used in the Ashby schools. Some of the youngsters could speak very good English. Pvt. Holmes was inducted on May 31, 1943, trained at Camp Belvoir and Camp Lee, Virginia and went overseas in January, 1945.

A letter from a third son, Pfc. Roy Holmes, to his mother, Mrs. George Holmes, tells of the flowers being in full bloom in Germany and that the country resembles New England in many ways. Roy was inducted on March 4, 1942, trained at Fort Eustis, Va. and Camp McCain Mississippi. He went overseas in June 1944.

We hope by the time this anniversary number goes to press that Ernest Holmes will be enjoying a well earned furlough at his home in South Village. Ernest has had an experience that we hope no other Ashby soldier will ever have. Captured in Belgium on Jan. 5, 1945 by the Germans while defending a position on high ground near Lansival, Belgium, he was taken to a concentration camp in northwestern Germany.

Released by the English on April 16, he was unable to walk and was taken out on a stretcher, having lost 20 lbs. Food had been very scarce and poor in quality and the timely rescue probably came in the nick of time. Ernest was flown to England, where rest and care in an Army hospital has enabled him to regain 18 lbs. of his lost weight.

A letter recently received by his mother told of his recovery and expectation of being home very soon. Young Holmes was inducted into the Army on October 28, 1942, trained at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky and Camp Atterbury, Indiana, and went overseas Feb. 1944.

A highly descriptive account of the unusual scenery in far off New Guinea was contained in a letter sent by Major Melvin Partridge.

Major Partridge, with five of his associates, borrowed a small landing craft and toured through the rivers and lakes for a day. His description of native villages and inhabitants reminded us of stories read in the National Geographic Magazines of this strange land.

One of the party who could talk the native dialect, learned of the hatred the villagers had for the Japs and love for the Americans. The Nipponese had taken their food, including fish, fruit and chickens, and many of the children were suffering from malnutrition.

Major Partridge was particularly impressed with the unusual scenery that abounded during the entire trip.

Albert H. Johnson Jr., son-in-law of Mrs. George Holmes, has received a citation for bravery, according to a letter received by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Holmes Johnson. He was inducted March 12, 1943, trained at Fort Devens and left for overseas in April 1945. He was recently promoted to sergeant.

Pfc. John Johnson, after several months of service in the Hawaiian Islands, is now stationed in the Pellileu group. He writes that life there is rather dull and uninteresting. There are no cold drinks, no hot showers, but movies are shown nearly every night.

We received a long letter from Harold S. Leach who has received several issues of the Town Pump from his sister. He mentions several of the Ashby fellows whom he remembers: Everett Treworgy, Merrick Pillsbury, Oliver Allen, George Elliot, Junior Foresman, Ed Lyman and several others.

He himself is unable to serve in the Armed Forces because of

Physical Disability . At present he is an assistant chemist in the Control Laboratory of the Borden Company in New York and does a great deal of Bacteriological Analysis work.

"If there are any of the folks in the service who are stationed in or around New York, I should be very happy to look them up and do what I can to entertain them."

His address is 173 Elwood Ave. Newark, N.J.

Here comes another of Rudy Salo's hilarious letters. We hope you get as much kick out of it as we did.

"Well, here it is a nice day, no rain, don't know what happened because the sun is out nice and bright.

Well, the war here is over and I know you wonder how we feel. Most of us feel lost, can't believe it would end this way. I always thought I'd have my head sticking out of a foxhole with plenty of shells screaming overhead as it has been ever since I hit the beach D-6. I still don't believe it. You folks who have sons and daughters in the Army or Navy shouldn't expect them home now. They need men here and in the Pacific still.

Hitler has taken all the horses the Germans had so now they use milk cows to plow with and do all other kinds of work. Over here they work the European way; the women do the heavy work, and the men do the heavy looking on. I saw one man point at a heavy plow, then at the wagon. The old lady said, "Ya Ya" and threw the plow into the wagon. If I had a wife as strong as those old biddies over here I would not dare open my mouth to say nothing of getting drunk."

Rudy has been with General Patton's 3rd Army since D-Day. He drives an ammunition truck and has 15 men working under him. He has been in a rest camp recently.

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Pvt. Henry Johnson is at home on a 13-day furlough from Camp Gordon, Ga., due to the death of his grandfather, Hiaskias Johnson.

**** TOWN NEWS ****

Recently the Hargraves family purchased a lamb and accompanied by John and Marion Mossman they brought the lamb home in the family car. Now as to age and sex our informant was rather indefinite, but it will be seen that it was nothing like Mary's little shadow as to tameness.

While attempting to remove little Woolie to his new home, a wonderful pen that Gordon had labored long, long hours to build the beast decided to go AWOL with the speed of a greased pig. Into a nearby swamp it went, closely persued by the President and Secretary of the P.T.A., the Town Auditor and one of our selectmen. The ladies were not exactly dressed for the occasion but they sacrificed their white shoes for the cause. And what a cause !

We were not aware that there were any treacherous quicksands around Ashby but they soon received an S.O.S. from John, who was about to take a mud bath, possibly for his complexion. The chase was arrested for the time while they rescued him -- minus a shoe. And off they went again.

But it was in vain. The next day the animal was seen gambolling way over in the vicinity of Erickson's corner. Gus finally captured it and returned it to Gordon whose face was very red. Why ? He had just bought a new one to take its place !!!

Thus ends the saga of the Hargraves' Red Points.

GAY NINETIES REVUE

Boys, write down someplace in that little black book a reminder that when you all get back home to demand a return performance of the Gay Nineties Revue. When you get a capacity house roaring and "Marty" trying to sneak up to the first row while yelling for an encore of the "Can-Can", you can bet your bottom dollar the show was good.

We perhaps can't do justice to the revue in the short space we have allotted so we will give just

a few highlights. The costumes worn by the principals were authentic gowns and suits worn half a century or more ago and took several weeks of attic hunting to find.

Fred Foresman started the revue in its proper atmosphere by dreaming from "Boogie-Woogie" to the good old tunes of the Gay 90's. A fine chorus gave several renditions of "Daisy Won't Tell","Sidewalks of New York","Bicycle Built for Two" and others. The chorus consisted of Wilfred Bedard, Ann Hopkins,John Mossman,Alice Seymour, Rollie Simonds,Dot Witbeck, John Witbeck, Irene Piper, Arthur Loveland,Eileen Shattuck, Al Clay,Phyllis Cheney,Dick Piper,Joan Farley, Eddie Forss. Mrs. Bailey played the piano and Mrs. John Mossman directed from the floor.

There was of course, a barber shop quartet, composed of Asa Allen,Albert Clay, Arthur Loveland and Roland Simonds. They hit the highs and lows on several old songs.

One of the hits of the evening was the"mellordrammer".The horseback riding and canoeing was so realistic certain parts of our anatomies ached as much as though we had been doing it.Joan Farley, Kenneth Mackey,Leone Mackey,Dot Hargraves,Gordon Hargraves, and Al Clay were all stars in this production.

Everybody's feet tapped and itched when the square dances were in progress. Let no one call those folks "Old Timers".Those dances are just as strenuous as jitterbugging ever could be--- and not one of them were out ! Mr. and Mrs. Fred Foresman, Mr. and Mrs.Frank Lyman, Clarissa Lawrence, Ned Piper, Clara Durkee and George Seymour were the dancers. It left us with the desire to have more of these dances in the near future--- to give us a chance.

Incidently, the"caller",John Joyce, who did a grand job, had danced and called these same dances in the same hall 66 years ago.

REAL ESTATE

Phil Foresman has purchased the house on Main St. formerly owned by the late Patrick Caton. Many of you may remember when Phil lived in Ashby and attended school here before going to Cushing Academy. After leaving school he went into the electrical contracting business in Newton,Mass.,which business he sold in 1942.He accepted a position with the Pratt and Whitney Co. in their Plainsville,Conn. plant where he was Foreman of Electrical maintenance. As the plant has considerably reduced its production, Phil decided to come back to his old home grounds and he is now Foreman Electrician for a prominent industry. Phil was married to Miss Lois Norton in 1936. They have a daughter, Beth, aged four, and a son, Charles, aged two. The family will occupy their new house as soon as necessary remodelling and repairs can be completed.

The Harlow Foster house has been sold to Mr. and Mrs.Cecil Parmenter of Leominster, who have already moved in upstairs, and their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs.Wendell Goozey, and two young sons, Barry and Richard, are living downstairs. They have brought with them a great quantity of peonies and other flowers which when added to the ones already there should make it quite a showplace.

Swen Maki recently sold his farm at the junction of Frost Rd. and New Ipswich Rd. to Bertha and Louis Rolfe. Mrs. Rolfe is the former Bertha Laitala.

Helen Harris Clausen is still in California, but she expects to return to the East sometime in August. She has been working at the Oakland Army Base in the Personnel Office of the Overseas Supply Division.

BIRTHS

On April 7, a daughter,Ardelle Lynne, to Capt. and Mrs. Addison Clark who used to live next door to the library. Addy was one of our star ball players.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Kehtonen (Sylvia Maki) of West Road. Sherren Ann is the young

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Phil Paroseen has purchased the house on Main St. formerly owned by the late Patrick Cotton. Many of you may remember when

lady's name.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E.Weeks of Winchedon have announced the engagement of their daughter,Ruth E. Weeks to Richard Piper, son of Mrs. Walter E. and the late Walter E. Piper of Ashby.

Miss Weeks is a graduate of Murdock High, class of 1936, and attended Rutland Vermont Business College and Remington Rand School in Boston. She is now employed at the American Type Founders Co.in Fitchburg.

Mr. Piper is a graduate of Ashby High School and Worcester Trade School. He received an honorable discharge from the army after serving over two years. He is now employed at the American Type Founders Co.

DEATHS

Hiaskias Johnson, father of Fanny Johnson, died Wednesday , May 23, 1945, at his home on Richardson Rd.

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Large search-lights have been placed in front of the Honor Roll on the library lawn. The lights are screened from the sidewalk by a neat picket fence and attractive shrubbery.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY

The annual union Memorial Sunday service was held May 27 at the Unitarian church.Edwin J.Arnold, student at Andover-Newton Theological School preached an inspiring sermon on the ways to prevent another World War. Rev, Everett Treworgy, pastor of the Unitarian church, conducted the remainder of the service. The Unitarian choir, directed by Mrs. Carl Foster,sang two anthems and a response.Mrs. Edward Piper was organist.

Members of the Ashby Grange attended church in a body in observance of Grange "Go To Church Sunday". The flowers in front of the altar were donated by Ashby Grange. Carl Jacobson and Albert Wilder were ushers.

All veterans of World War 2 were urged to participate in the annual Memorial Day exercises Wednesday afternoon, May 30th. They were asked to assist in decorating graves and to march in the parade.

The usual order of exercises was observed. Graves in the old cemetery back of the Unitarian church, the monuments on the common-- including our 3 crosses -- were decorated. At 2 P.M. the procession of war veterans, sons of veterans,and school children marched to the Glenwood cemetery with the band to decorate the graves there .

On the return to the common the Ashby military band gave a fine concert. Albert Hayward was officer of the day.

GRANGE NEWS

How true the saying that "Time waits for no one" for it is news time again and a lot has happened since the last "Town Pump". For a small town Ashby certainly has something doing all the time and never a dull moment.

On May 10th, when Ashby Grange entertained the Middlesex-Worcester Pomona Grange, there was a business meeting at 4:00 P.M., our own Caroline Wilkinson presiding as Pomona Master. At 6:30, a bountiful supper was served to some 150 persons.

The Ashby High School Glee Club under the direction of Mrs. White, music supervisor, entertained with a half hour musical program. Our State speaker for the evening was Mrs. Dorothy Worden , the Mass. State Lady Assistant Steward, who gave a most delightful, interesting and inspiring talk, after which Ashby Grange members put on a play in competition with the other subordinate Granges in this jurisdiction for a prize offered by Pomona Grange. To climax the day, we had a most surprising but damaging snow

storm during the day and evening. The electricity was off for some time during the evening but we carried on with the aid of flash lights and lanterns. Everyone felt well repaid for their attendance and had a most enjoyable time.

Next month the 5th Degree will be worked when Pomona meets in Lunenburg, and a good-sized class is expected.

On May 17th, Ashby Grange had its Neighbors Night with three subordinate Granges invited and members of other Granges also in attendance. Popperell came with 35 members, Lunenburg 21 and Gardner 10, a total of 111 Grangers in attendance. The Pomona Treasurer and Executive Committee Member were also in attendance on their official visit. A delightful and entertaining program was put on by the visitors. Lunch was served by P.M. Doris Davis, Helen Bailey and committee.

Another member, Albert Schlemmer, has joined the Merchant Marine which adds another star to our service flag, making a total of 26 blus stars and 2 gold stars.

A group of 9 Grange members took an active part in the "Gay Nineties Revue" sponsored by the Parent-Teachers Association. It played to a capacity house on Saturday evening May 19th in First Parish Hall.

Sunday, May 27th was "Grange Go To Church Sunday". Members assembled in Grange Hall and then attended the combined Memorial Service held in the Unitarian Church with the candidate Mr. Arnold of the Congregational Church preaching the sermon. The flowers for the altar were supplied by the Grange Home and Com. Service and later divided into three bouquets and sent to the sick and invalids.

The Home and Community Service Committee have a most appreciative letter of thanks from the Superintendent of the Burbank Hospital, Fitchburg, for our donation of scrap books, puzzles, paper dolls, stuffed animals and dolls.

An appeal was made for any women who could help in the hospital, particularly in the children's department. These women do not need to be trained as they can be taught to feed children or adults, carry trays, do errands, wash hands and faces of youngsters. They are paid and any number of hours, however small, would be appreciated. Can anyone help during the present nursing emergency ? Contact the hospital director of nursing.

Summer is just around the corner and will be the time for our picnics which are always a highlight of the season. It would be grand if all our armed force members could be back with us, and hope it won't be long until they are! Good luck and happy landings!

Howard W. Robbins Receives Important War Appointment

Another Ashby boy who has been making good, and all on his own initiative for the past number of years, has recently been chosen as one of five from the United States to serve on a Judicial Board of the War Department in Washington, a part of his duties being to judge, as we understand, disputed cases of pay or retirement allowances, or anything that is protested.

He is another boy that our Ashby School should be proud of, as all of his elementary education was received in our district school and two years in our high school.

He graduated from Cushing Academy where he was active on the football squad, then from Syracuse University where he was also on the squad. He joined the Syracuse Boat Club and rowed as a member on the Thames in England.

He studied law at Columbia University two years, then entered World War I and got to rank of Captain. After his return, he graduated from Harvard Law School, each succeeding year giving some of his time to the summer army reserves. He was a referee in many boat races on the Charles connected with Harvard.

He was at one time, a partner in the law firm of Parkman, Robbins, Coughlin and Hannon of Boston. He was a very successful lawyer and

was United States Commissioner before World War II broke out. He was then Director of N.E. Defense and then was selected for the high position he now holds.

Howard is married and has two nice sons, and as you know, our former selectman, George Robbins, is his brother, and Mrs. Grace Coates of Fitchburg and Mrs. Vera Keyes of Ashby, his sisters.

Ernest Brower, better known as "Hap", is convalescing at the Groton Hospital.

Mrs. Ruth Olson has announced the engagement of her daughter Dorothy, to Frederick Charlton of Warwick, R.I. who is in the Navy. No date has been set for the wedding. Mrs. Gladys Carter recently attended Dorothy's graduation from Warwick High School.

Mrs. Everett Treworgy, organist at the Unitarian church, is in the Burbank Hospital with a broken wrist. Mrs. Lora Piper is substituting for her.

BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

Wallace Johnson	July 2
Shirley Wass	" 3
Earl Partridge	" 3
William Enright	" 7
Malcolm Piper	" 20
Robert Goguen	" 24
Leo Henkala	" 27

On the Honor Roll by the Library there are four Bennetts, four Holmes', four Pipers and five Johnsons listed.

**** SERVICEMEN'S NEWS ****

Roland Pillsbury has been promoted to Gunners Mate 2/C. He is now in South Africa.

Marcel Dionne S.C. 3/C is spending a 30 day furlough with his parents in Fitchburg. He has been stationed in Brazil, South America.

Leon Evans R.T. 2/c is stationed at the Fargo Building in Boston awaiting further orders. Mrs. Evans and infant son have returned from Florida.

Sgt. Garnett Bennett is now stationed in India.

Lt.(jg) W.J. Parker writes he was present at both the Iwo Jima and Okinawa invasions. He is receiving the Town Pump regularly and enjoys it very much.

Sgt. Luther H. Hayes, Jr., USMCR recently spent a furlough at his home in Ashby. He was recently transferred to Camp LeJeune, N.C. from Iona Island, N.Y. Richard Wilkinson called on Luther at Camp LeJeune and also had a visit with his cousin Roger Hamblin.

Ens. Chester Hopkins is spending a leave with his wife, Mrs. Marilyn Hopkins, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Piper. Ens. Hopkins recently returned from active duty in the Pacific. He will report to Norfolk, Va. at the termination of his leave.

Sgt. Everett Treworgy has been transferred from Hawaii to the Marianas. His new address is
Sgt. E.S. Treworgy
147 AACS
A.P.O. 224
c/o Postmaster San Francisco, Cal.

On John Salo's last trip he completed a year overseas. He made several trips from England to the beach heads from the time of the invasion into France until the beach heads were closed. Following that he made trips to Cherbourg and Rouen and up the River Seine.

In February of this year he married an English girl whom he met on a previous trip. She is from Southampton. They had a large church wedding at St. Michael's Church in Southampton. John's wife is making arrangements to come to this country and we expect she will arrive within six months.

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**** SERVICE [illegible] ****

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Lieut. Comm. R.T. [illegible] Paris [illegible] Fort [illegible] returned from [illegible] trip.

S/Sgt. [illegible] stationed [illegible].

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Cpl. Chas. [illegible] ing [illegible] Lorenz [illegible] trail [illegible] plane, [illegible] Mr. [illegible] trip. [illegible] turned [illegible] activ[illegible] [illegible].

S/Sgt. Everett Trowsey transferred from Hawaii to the Mariana, has new address is [illegible] U.S. Trowsey [illegible].

[illegible] S/Sgt. [illegible] recently [illegible] S/Sgt. [illegible] both [illegible] [illegible] trip. [illegible] [illegible] South [illegible] expected shortly [illegible] within six months.

Pvt. John Lawton, husband of the former Violet Salo, was inducted into the service the last of March and is with the Infantry.

Pvt. Warren L. Elliott has been awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge while serving with the Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron in Germany.

We had a nice note of appreciation for the Town Pump from Al Pease. He has finished six weeks of his basic training at Ft. Bragg, N.C. and now has eleven weeks more of Field Artillery before him.

Wilho Pesola is now in Germany, but we have no real news about him. How about a letter, Wilho ?

Arthur Foresman AMM 2/C and Mrs. Arthur Foresman, are expected to arrive in Ashby June 3rd on a 10 day furlough from the Ottumwa, Iowa, Naval Air Base. He has been stationed there since his return from the Hawaiian Is.

Paul Heikkila and Edwin Walker were home on short leaves recently. Edwin's last trip was to Chile. C.P.O. Elroy Walker is also in town on a ten day leave. He and his wife are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Walker.

Wally Hill has joined the old Ashby contigent at Camp Gordon, Ga. and so has Jim Newcombe. There are now six of our boys there. How about a reunion. Rauni is still there but expects to be home soon after finishing his basic training.

Leo Henkala has now been stationed in the Aleutian Islands for six months. He and his friends have formed a Hobby Club. Each one makes an article, then brings it to a center where they all are judged and prizes awarded to the winners.

Ralph Varney has spent considerable time in England and France, and writes that he prefers the latter. He has also made one trip to Cologne, Germany. He has added a little typing and instructing to his regular routine.

Allan Kangas is now at the Cushing General Hospital in Framingham trying to regain some of the weight and strength he lost while he was a prisoner of the Germans. When he was liberated by the Allies, he was flown to England and later flown to New York.

Lt. Marjorie Bennett has been transferred to the U.S. Army General Hospital at Camp Edwards, Mass. When she arrived there, she found her chum, Lt. Emmy Canfield, who was with her on the Fijis, also stationed there. Wonder how long it will take before they are all "talked Out".

Toivo Lybeck is now recovering from a broken leg. He is in a hospital in England and hopes to be home soon.

Aura Louhi has expressed her appreciation of the Town Pump. She says it is the first thing she read when her mail comes.

Wilho Mayrenen F 1/C has returned to Norfolk, Va., after spending a 10 day furlough with his wife the former Elizabeth Inki, on Bennett Road.

Pfc. Albert Olsen is driving a truck in Germany but writes that life is not very exciting and everyone waiting for V-E Day.

A letter from Dottie Bernhardt appreciates the "Town Pump". She says the girls in her tent love to have her receive the paper and get a kick out of hearing her say "for goodness sake" as she reads it. She says they have been very busy but now (Apr.27), the news seems so good they are all happy and singing and keeping close track of what comes in on the radio.

Albert Schlemmer, Foster Rd. and Edwin Doucette, Davis Rd. have entered the Merchant Marine, and Albert Damon reports to the Army June 14th.